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WAGE RATES UP FROM LAST YEAR HIRED EMPLOYMENT ALSO HIGHER

Farm wage rates on October 1 were 6 percent above a year ago, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. Rates per day without board averaged \$5.40 for the country as a whole. There were about 200,000 more hired workers employed on farms on October 1 than a year ago. However, family employment was down enough to offset the increase in the number of hired workers. There were 11,650,000 persons working on farms October 1.

Farm wage rates on October 1 were nearly $4\frac{1}{2}$ times as high as the 1910-14 average and $3\frac{3}{4}$ times as high as in the 1935-39 period for the country as a whole. Two of the southern regions, the South Atlantic and the East South Central, were the only regions in which farm wages were not about 4 times as high or higher than in the 1910-14 period. Daily rates without board ranged from a high of \$8.50 in the Pacific States to the low of \$3.70 in the East South Central States. Hired workers in the West North Central States were also being paid more than \$8.00 per day. In the South Atlantic and the West South Central States, per day rates without board were less than \$5.00.

In general, wage rates by States were higher on October 1 than they were the previous quarter. The composite rate (weighted average of all rates) was up slightly for each region. However, the average for the country as a whole was slightly lower on October 1 than on July 1. Since the numbers of hired workers are used as weights to compute the United States averages from the regional averages, the increased proportion of workers in the lower wage area, the South, on October 1 pulled the national average down despite increases for each individual region.

Farm work made good progress during the week preceding October 1. Some rain in parts of the South late in the week temporarily stopped cotton picking in some areas, but had very little effect on employment. There was also some rain in the Pacific Northwest. Cotton picking was probably the most important single job at this time. In the southern part of the Cotton Belt, picking was nearing completion and was proceeding rapidly in all other parts. Cotton picking was also under way in California, Arizona and New Mexico. Preparations for and seeding of winter grains and cover crops was also a major job in most of the country. Additional moisture to sprout grain was needed in some areas, especially the southern Great Plains winter wheat area. Some farmers were seeding in dust while others were waiting for rain. Corn harvest was in progress in the South and beginning in the Corn Belt. In the main corn area,

harvest of corn was mostly for immediate feed. Soybeans, potatoes, sugar beets, sweet potatoes and peanuts were other field crops being harvested. Apples and pears were being harvested in fruit areas. Commercial truck crop harvest continued even in the more northern regions since killing frosts had occurred in only a few areas.

The number of family workers on October 1 was less than a year ago in all regions except the New England and the Pacific States. The late season in the Pacific States shifted labor requirements. The number of family workers for the country as a whole was up 5 percent from a month ago. The increase was due entirely to increases in the South, especially a 15 percent increase in the East South Central States and a 20 percent increase in the West South Central. The increases from September 1 in these regions was about usual. The increase in the South Atlantic States was smaller, but a little more than normal. The decreases in family employment in the rest of the regions were of about the usual size except in the Middle Atlantic where the decrease was larger than ordinarily expected.

Hired farm employment on October 1 was up from last year in all regions except the Middle Atlantic and the West North Central. The decreases here were small. Increases were rather large in the East North Central, the South Atlantic, the West South Central, and the Pacific States. Total hired employment was practically the same as a month ago, compared to a usual small increase. In the South, hired employment increased from a month earlier. The increases were a little less than usual in the South Atlantic and West South Central States, but sharply lower in the East South Central region. Decreases in hired employment from September 1 to October 1 were greater than usual in the North Central and Middle Atlantic States and less than usual in the West. The New England States showed about the usual decrease.

In the New England States on October 1, field work was drawing to a close. Harvests of potatoes, apples and late hays were well along. Employment was above a year ago with hired employment up a little more than family. Decreases from a month ago were about the same as usual.

Many different farm jobs were under way in the Middle Atlantic States on October 1. Crops being harvested included buckwheat in New York and Pennsylvania, potatoes and apples in all States of the region, grapes along Lake Erie and the Finger Lakes of New York, and truck crops in New York and New Jersey. Truck crops being harvested included, cauliflower, cabbage, tomatoes, snap beans, lettuce, sweet corn, lima beans, eggplant and peppers. The New York onion crop was about all pulled. Winter wheat seeding was generally being delayed because of dry soils. Employment was down about 10 percent from a month ago with family and hired workers each less by about the same percentage. In each group, employment was down more than usual probably due to better progress with fall harvest operations and the delay in winter wheat seeding. The greater than usual decreases left both groups of farm workers at a lower level than a year ago.

Seeding of winter wheat was a major job in the East North Central States on October 1. Some corn for feeding was being picked, but this job was mainly incidental. Other late fall crops being harvested before corn and soybean harvest becomes general were potatoes and hay seeds in all States; apples and grapes in Ohio, apples in Michigan and Indiana, and tomatoes in Ohio and Indiana. Corn was being cut and shocked in the eastern part of the region

and silos filled in all parts. Combining soybeans was started, but was proceeding slowly. The number of family workers was about the same on October 1 as a year ago after a slightly smaller than usual decrease from a month ago. The number of hired workers remained well above a year ago as it had each month since spring work began. The decrease of 4 percent from a month ago in comparison with the "no change" shown for the 1940-44 average indicates a departure from usual, but each year since 1942 the number of hired workers has decreased from September 1 to October 1.

Farm work had slacked off in the West North Central States by October 1. Small grain harvest was about finished with threshing nearly completed except for some flax in North Dakota and Minnesota. Preparation of soil and seeding of winter wheat was in progress in most of the southern States of the region. Dry weather was slowing the job in Missouri. Corn harvest was started in most States, but was general only in Kansas. Potato and sugar beet harvests were in full swing in North Dakota and Minnesota. Potatoes and beans were being harvested in western Nebraska. Some grain sorghums were being harvested in Nebraska and Kansas as harvest of sorghums for forage was nearly completed. With much of the harvest work completed, the number of hired workers on October 1 was nearly a fourth less than a month ago. A sharp drop in hired employment is normal for this period, but the decrease this year was much larger than usual. After the decrease the number of hired workers was slightly less than a year ago. The number of family workers dropped the usual amount during September and on October 1 was slightly less than last year.

Picking cotton was one of the main jobs in the South Atlantic States in the last week in September. Tobacco was being stripped and graded for market in North Carolina and Virginia. Planting of fall grains was a job common to most of the area. Corn, sweet potatoes and peanuts were also being harvested in most States of the region. Truck crops were being harvested in South Carolina and on the eastern shore of Virginia. Apple picking in the Shenandoah Valley in the Virginias was at about its peak. The number of hired workers remained well above a year ago as picking the much larger cotton crop continued. The increase from a month ago, however, was a little less than usual, probably because cotton picking got off to an earlier start than usual. Family employment continued to be less than a year ago as it had during most of this year since June 1, even after a larger than usual increase from September 1 to October 1.

Cotton picking was making good progress in the East South Central States by October 1. Tobacco was mostly cut. Seeding fall grains was in progress. Hay making was nearly over. Corn was being cut in Kentucky. Spanish peanuts were harvested in Mississippi and harvest of runners was well along. Sweet potato and corn harvests were starting in Alabama and Mississippi. With an earlier peak than usual in tobacco cutting because of dry weather, hired employment increased only about a fourth as much as usual from September 1 to October 1. The number of hired workers was still slightly larger than last year, however. Family employment was up 15 percent, about the usual change from September 1, but a little under last year.

In the West South Central States, cotton picking was making good progress in all parts of the region. In Texas, the job was practically completed in the north central and northeastern counties. Rice was being harvested

in Arkansas and Louisiana. Corn harvest was nearly completed in Texas, was progressing rapidly in Oklahoma and had started in Arkansas. Peanuts were being dug in Texas and in Oklahoma where heavy soils were not too dry. Harvest of grain sorghums was started in the Texas High Plains. The number of hired farm workers on October 1 was a little more than a third higher than a month earlier. This was the largest regional increase, but about the same as usual. Hired employment was well above a year ago, probably the result of the increase over last year in the cotton crop. Family employment, however, was down from last year after about the usual seasonal increase.

Potato and beet harvests were important jobs in the three northern States of the Mountain region. Small grain harvest was still in progress in Montana and Idaho, but was nearly completed. Wheat seeding in Colorado and Utah was being delayed because of dry weather. Cotton picking was started in Arizona and New Mexico. In Arizona, winter vegetables were being planted. The number of family workers remained about as much under last year as a month ago with a usual decline from September 1. The number of hired workers decreased only about half as much as usual during September and on October 1 was slightly larger than last year.

In the Pacific States on October 1, harvest of various crops still continued to bunch up as a result of the late, wet spring. Some grains were still being harvested in all the region, but this job was nearly over. Harvests of truck crops, fruit and nuts were also general. Preparations for and seeding of fall grains were general in Washington and Oregon. Sugar beets were being harvested in Malheur County, Oregon and in the beet areas of California. Additional jobs in California included harvesting of hay, rice, beans and a few potatoes. Cotton picking was just starting. As a result of the late season, employment was up 9 percent from a year ago for family workers and 13 percent for hired workers. Family employment was down from a month ago by the usual amount, but hired employment was down less than half as much as usual.

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Farm labor: Persons employed, wage rates, indexes and related data, United States, October 1, 1948, with comparisons

	: Annual:	Oct. 1:	October:	September:	October:
	: average:	: average:	: 1,	: 1,	: 1,
	: 1910-14:	: 1935-39:	: 1947	: 1948	: 1948
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FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	12,389	11,700	11,251	11,650
Family labor	9,160	9,190	8,896	8,229	8,641
Hired labor	2,892	3,199	2,804	3,022	3,009
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation)					
Total	100	90	83	84	84
Family labor	100	91	87	85	85
Hired labor	100	89	72	80	81
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	: Annual:	Oct. 1:	October:	July	October
	: average:	: average:	: 1,	: 1,	: 1,
	: 1910-14:	: 1935-39:	: 1947	: 1948	: 1948
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FARM WAGE RATES					
Per month, with board	\$22.09	\$27.10	\$97.80	\$105.00	\$105.00
Per month, without board	29.18	34.90	112.00	121.00	118.00
Per day, with board	1.16	1.31	4.79	4.85	5.00
Per day, without board	1.42	1.55	5.25	5.40	5.40
Composite rate per month <u>1/</u>	24.76	30.20	103.00	110.00	109.00
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES					
Unadjusted	100	122	416	444	440
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	118	404	431	427
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES BY REGION					
New England	100	146	402	418	421
Middle Atlantic	100	133	414	418	432
East North Central	100	122	384	409	416
West North Central	100	105	397	410	431
South Atlantic	100	113	362	375	381
East South Central	100	102	337	336	346
West South Central	100	105	391	391	404
Mountain	100	111	383	394	397
Pacific	100	132	431	447	454
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RELATED INDEXES					
Prices received by farmers <u>2/</u>	100	107	288	298	<u>3/</u> 290
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	88	69	67	66
Average weekly factory earnings <u>4/</u>	100	206	<u>5/</u> 455	473	--

1/ Weighted average of monthly rates with and without board, and daily rates with and without board converted to a monthly basis.

2/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.

3/ September 15, 1948 - latest data available.

4/ Factory payroll per employed worker; average of all weeks during the designated month.

5/ Revised.

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Farm employment: Persons employed, United States and geographic divisions,
October 1, 1948, with comparisons

Geographic divisions	: October 1: : average : : 1935-39 :	September: : 1, : 1947 :	October: : 1, : 1947 :	September: : 1, : 1948 :	October : 1, : 1948
	Thousands				
	TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT				
United States	12,389	11,132	11,700	11,251	11,650
New England	273	272	262	277	271
Middle Atlantic	672	732	682	733	656
East North Central	1,551	1,498	1,440	1,496	1,459
West North Central	1,725	1,802	1,709	1,798	1,668
South Atlantic	2,451	2,127	2,259	2,113	2,238
East South Central	2,275	1,671	2,044	1,781	2,028
West South Central	2,339	1,694	2,120	1,681	2,082
Mountain	488	535	506	527	494
Pacific	615	801	678	845	754
	FAMILY WORKERS ^{1/}				
United States	9,190	8,259	8,896	8,229	8,641
New England	168	175	171	177	175
Middle Atlantic	418	448	419	451	402
East North Central	1,156	1,222	1,188	1,201	1,175
West North Central	1,347	1,407	1,395	1,405	1,364
South Atlantic	1,825	1,643	1,769	1,577	1,691
East South Central	1,919	1,422	1,713	1,466	1,686
West South Central	1,737	1,267	1,631	1,269	1,527
Mountain	293	327	319	322	303
Pacific	327	548	291	361	518
	HIRED WORKERS				
United States	3,199	2,873	2,804	3,022	3,009
New England	105	97	91	100	96
Middle Atlantic	254	284	263	282	254
East North Central	395	276	252	295	284
West North Central	378	395	314	393	304
South Atlantic	626	484	490	536	547
East South Central	356	249	331	315	342
West South Central	602	427	489	412	555
Mountain	195	208	187	205	191
Pacific	288	453	387	484	436

^{1/} Includes farm operators and members of their families working without wages.

Based on reports from 9,824 farmers who reported for their own farms the number of family and hired workers doing two or more days of work during the week of inquiry.

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Farm employment: Total, family and hired workers, United States, specified annual averages, and by months, January 1, 1947 -October 1, 1948 ^{1/}

Year and month	:	Total farm employment	:	Family workers 2/ Thousands	:	Hired workers
	:		:		:	
	:		:		:	
1910-14 average	:	12,052	:	9,160	:	2,892
1935-39 average	:	10,920	:	8,352	:	2,568
1939 average	:	10,740	:	8,145	:	2,595
1940 average	:	10,585	:	8,019	:	2,566
1941 average	:	10,361	:	7,829	:	2,532
1942 average	:	10,397	:	7,855	:	2,542
1943 average	:	10,263	:	7,857	:	2,406
1944 average	:	10,037	:	7,810	:	2,227
1945 average	:	9,844	:	7,726	:	2,118
1946 average	:	10,010	:	7,862	:	2,148

1947 average	:	10,157	:	7,930	:	2,227
January 1	:	8,272	:	6,747	:	1,525
February 1	:	8,280	:	6,693	:	1,587
March 1	:	8,591	:	7,046	:	1,545
April 1	:	9,242	:	7,571	:	1,671
May 1	:	10,280	:	8,281	:	1,999
June 1	:	11,394	:	8,913	:	2,481
July 1	:	11,518	:	8,833	:	2,685
August 1	:	11,140	:	9,301	:	2,339
September 1	:	11,132	:	8,259	:	2,873
October 1	:	11,700	:	8,896	:	2,804
November 1	:	10,938	:	8,320	:	2,618
December 1	:	9,402	:	7,298	:	2,104

1948 average	:	--	:	--	:	--
January 1	:	8,129	:	6,641	:	1,488
February 1	:	8,133	:	6,661	:	1,472
March 1	:	8,541	:	6,996	:	1,545
April 1	:	9,225	:	7,494	:	1,731
May 1	:	10,368	:	8,287	:	2,081
June 1	:	11,287	:	8,807	:	2,480
July 1	:	11,120	:	8,448	:	2,672
August 1	:	11,087	:	8,152	:	2,935
September 1	:	11,251	:	8,229	:	3,022
October 1	:	11,650	:	8,641	:	3,009
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	:		:		:	

^{1/} Annual averages are straight averages of first of month employment estimates.

^{2/} Includes farm operators and members of their families working without wages.

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Farm employment: Average number of persons employed per month, January 1 through October 1, United States and geographic divisions, 1948 with comparisons

Geographic divisions	1935-39	1940-44	1946	1947	1948
	Thousands				
	TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT				
United States	10,990	10,361	9,990	10,155	10,079
New England	256	250	244	246	246
Middle Atlantic	630	625	623	624	618
East North Central	1,507	1,419	1,380	1,401	1,404
West North Central	1,671	1,636	1,562	1,629	1,607
South Atlantic	2,176	1,982	1,908	1,931	1,916
East South Central	1,847	1,679	1,584	1,588	1,557
West South Central	1,901	1,760	1,669	1,685	1,676
Mountain	448	436	424	444	443
Pacific	554	574	596	607	612
	FAMILY WORKERS ^{1/}				
United States	8,422	7,917	7,869	7,954	7,836
New England	164	163	166	166	166
Middle Atlantic	420	417	412	409	404
East North Central	1,172	1,141	1,153	1,170	1,164
West North Central	1,345	1,331	1,325	1,370	1,351
South Atlantic	1,650	1,509	1,505	1,521	1,492
East South Central	1,576	1,418	1,384	1,388	1,351
West South Central	1,479	1,339	1,321	1,321	1,301
Mountain	296	294	294	304	301
Pacific	320	305	309	305	306
	HIRED WORKERS				
United States	2,568	2,444	2,121	2,201	2,243
New England	92	87	78	80	80
Middle Atlantic	210	208	211	215	214
East North Central	335	278	227	231	240
West North Central	326	305	237	259	256
South Atlantic	526	473	403	410	424
East South Central	271	261	200	200	206
West South Central	422	421	348	364	375
Mountain	152	142	130	140	142
Pacific	234	269	287	302	306

^{1/} Includes farm operators and members of their families working without wages.

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by geographic divisions,
October 1, 1948, with comparisons

Geographic division	Annual average: 1910-14:	July 1, 1947	October 1, 1947	July 1, 1948	October 1, 1948
Dollars					
FARM WAGE RATES					
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	96.80	98.70	105.00	105.00
Middle Atlantic	22.25	94.40	96.00	100.00	101.00
East North Central	23.75	89.40	92.70	101.00	102.00
West North Central	26.32	102.00	105.00	112.00	114.00
South Atlantic	14.62	51.50	52.00	54.00	55.00
East South Central	14.71	46.10	48.60	49.00	48.50
West South Central	17.35	68.80	70.70	73.00	75.00
Mountain	32.48	125.00	127.00	132.00	132.00
Pacific	33.45	151.00	151.00	160.00	163.00
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD:					
New England	37.70	139.00	143.00	148.00	147.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	129.00	132.00	134.00	136.00
East North Central	32.80	118.00	123.00	131.00	131.00
West North Central	36.86	130.00	154.00	142.00	146.00
South Atlantic	20.97	71.80	71.80	75.00	76.00
East South Central	20.30	64.20	67.50	70.00	69.00
West South Central	24.93	91.10	95.80	99.00	101.00
Mountain	46.42	160.00	163.00	173.00	171.00
Pacific	48.16	192.00	190.00	203.00	206.00
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	5.12	5.20	5.50	5.70
Middle Atlantic	1.24	4.93	5.19	5.20	5.50
East North Central	1.31	4.88	5.07	5.30	5.40
West North Central	1.46	5.24	6.07	5.90	6.50
South Atlantic	.81	3.02	3.16	3.25	3.30
East South Central	.81	2.62	2.91	2.80	3.05
West South Central	.98	3.68	4.02	3.80	4.00
Mountain	1.50	5.76	6.06	6.00	6.30
Pacific	1.49	6.84	7.02	7.10	7.20
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	6.44	6.68	6.90	7.20
Middle Atlantic	1.63	6.07	6.49	6.30	6.80
East North Central	1.68	5.80	6.07	6.40	6.60
West North Central	1.88	6.52	7.37	7.30	8.10
South Atlantic	1.05	3.75	3.82	3.95	4.00
East South Central	1.05	3.24	3.53	3.45	3.70
West South Central	1.25	4.25	4.62	4.50	4.70
Mountain	2.05	6.66	7.25	7.00	7.40
Pacific	2.06	8.21	8.55	8.30	8.50

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by States,
October 1, 1947 and October 1, 1948

State	Per month		Per month		Per day		Per day	
	with board	without board	with board	without board	with board	without board	with board	without board
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	Dollars				Dollars			
Maine	93.00	95.00	128.00	128.00	5.30	5.50	6.60	6.70
New Hampshire	98.00	102.00	142.00	149.00	5.30	6.00	6.70	7.60
Vermont	96.00	109.00	136.00	149.00	5.40	5.90	6.70	7.40
Massachusetts	104.00	110.00	153.00	155.00	4.90	5.50	6.80	7.20
Rhode Island	98.00	108.00	148.00	156.00	4.90	5.50	6.50	7.40
Connecticut	98.00	110.00	148.00	156.00	4.80	5.90	6.50	7.40
New York	105.00	107.00	141.00	142.00	5.40	5.80	7.00	6.90
New Jersey	108.00	110.00	147.00	153.00	5.60	5.70	6.60	7.00
Pennsylvania	81.00	92.00	117.00	124.00	4.80	5.20	5.80	6.50
Ohio	80.25	88.00	109.00	113.00	4.80	5.30	5.70	6.30
Indiana	79.75	91.00	110.00	118.00	4.70	5.00	5.80	6.20
Illinois	98.75	110.00	122.00	130.00	5.00	5.50	5.90	6.50
Michigan	95.75	102.00	129.00	140.00	5.50	5.90	6.60	7.40
Wisconsin	104.00	112.00	140.00	149.00	5.30	5.50	6.40	6.90
Minnesota	108.00	117.00	139.00	148.00	6.50	7.20	7.80	8.80
Iowa	112.00	121.00	136.00	143.00	6.20	6.90	7.20	8.30
Missouri	75.75	85.00	101.00	110.00	4.10	4.65	4.90	5.50
North Dakota	131.00	139.00	163.00	182.00	7.80	7.80	9.70	9.70
South Dakota	114.00	124.00	147.00	164.00	6.50	6.60	8.70	8.70
Nebraska	109.00	112.00	138.00	145.00	6.40	6.40	7.70	8.00
Kansas	100.00	112.00	131.00	140.00	6.00	6.60	7.40	8.50
Delaware	82.50	85.00	110.00	115.00	5.30	5.50	6.20	6.50
Maryland	80.00	84.00	108.00	114.00	5.20	5.30	6.10	6.30
Virginia	70.00	76.00	92.00	97.00	3.65	4.25	4.60	5.00
Vest Virginia	57.50	60.00	76.00	84.00	3.20	3.80	3.95	4.50
North Carolina	55.75	62.00	77.75	86.00	3.60	3.80	4.20	4.35
South Carolina	40.25	43.00	55.75	60.00	2.30	2.55	2.90	3.15
Georgia	42.00	48.50	59.50	66.00	2.75	3.00	3.40	3.65
Florida	55.00	60.00	85.00	95.00	3.25	3.35	4.25	4.50
Kentucky	61.00	65.00	83.00	90.00	3.40	3.55	4.30	4.40
Tennessee	48.50	52.00	70.00	72.00	2.70	2.95	3.35	3.60
Alabama	46.50	45.00	64.00	64.00	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.60
Mississippi	43.75	44.00	60.00	64.00	2.90	3.00	3.45	3.60
Arkansas	56.25	62.00	77.50	86.00	3.15	3.70	4.05	4.15
Louisiana	47.00	55.00	64.00	74.00	2.70	2.90	3.40	3.60
Oklahoma	91.00	94.00	120.00	125.00	4.85	5.70	5.70	6.20
Texas	81.25	90.00	110.00	119.00	4.65	4.40	5.10	5.10
Montana	140.00	150.00	171.00	181.00	7.00	7.30	8.10	8.50
Idaho	149.00	153.00	185.00	191.00	7.50	7.30	8.40	8.60
Wyoming	127.00	126.00	172.00	172.00	6.00	6.00	7.70	7.30
Colorado	109.00	121.00	150.00	162.00	5.60	6.20	7.00	7.40
New Mexico	95.00	106.00	125.00	135.00	4.85	5.20	5.60	6.20
Arizona	130.00	135.00	165.00	185.00	5.40	5.20	6.50	6.20
Utah	140.00	150.00	170.00	175.00	5.70	5.80	6.40	7.20
Nevada	130.00	135.00	165.00	170.00	5.40	5.80	6.50	7.00
Washington	152.00	154.00	189.00	208.00	7.20	7.50	9.50	9.50
Oregon	146.00	151.00	183.00	195.00	7.30	7.30	8.20	8.60
California	151.00	165.00	192.00	206.00	6.90	7.10	8.30	8.30
UNITED STATES	97.80	105.00	112.00	118.00	4.79	5.00	5.25	5.40

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Farm wage rates: Composite wage rate per month, by States and geographic divisions,
July 1, 1947 and 1948, October 1, 1947 and 1948

State and geographic division	July 1,		October 1,	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
	Dollars		Dollars	
Maine	116.00	118.00	117.00	117.00
New Hampshire	119.00	128.00	126.00	132.00
Vermont	122.00	130.00	121.00	134.00
Massachusetts	126.00	134.00	131.00	135.00
Rhode Island	120.00	134.00	125.00	137.00
Connecticut	121.00	136.00	126.00	137.00
<u>New England</u>	<u>121.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>131.00</u>
New York	120.00	121.00	122.00	124.00
New Jersey	119.00	123.00	125.00	129.00
Pennsylvania	93.20	105.00	99.30	109.00
<u>Middle Atlantic</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>115.00</u>	<u>114.00</u>	<u>119.00</u>
Ohio	92.50	104.00	95.00	103.00
Indiana	92.60	103.00	95.50	104.00
Illinois	107.00	117.00	109.00	119.00
Michigan	109.00	117.00	112.00	121.00
Wisconsin	112.00	127.00	119.00	126.00
<u>East North Central</u>	<u>103.00</u>	<u>114.00</u>	<u>107.00</u>	<u>116.00</u>
Minnesota	115.00	123.00	122.00	133.00
Iowa	119.00	132.00	122.00	132.00
Missouri	81.00	87.00	83.40	93.00
North Dakota	131.00	142.00	146.00	154.00
South Dakota	120.00	127.00	127.00	137.00
Nebraska	113.00	126.00	122.00	125.00
Kansas	110.00	121.00	114.00	125.00
<u>West North Central</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>121.00</u>	<u>117.00</u>	<u>127.00</u>
Delaware	102.00	104.00	102.00	110.00
Maryland	102.00	107.00	103.00	108.00
Virginia	78.70	86.00	84.30	91.00
West Virginia	67.60	79.00	70.10	78.00
North Carolina	70.70	76.00	72.70	79.00
South Carolina	49.70	52.00	50.90	55.00
Georgia	51.30	58.00	56.30	62.00
Florida	73.40	76.00	74.20	81.00
<u>South Atlantic</u>	<u>65.70</u>	<u>69.00</u>	<u>66.50</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Kentucky	69.30	75.00	77.60	82.00
Tennessee	61.00	64.00	62.30	66.00
Alabama	52.90	59.00	59.40	62.00
Mississippi	55.70	58.00	59.20	62.00
<u>East South Central</u>	<u>59.10</u>	<u>63.00</u>	<u>63.20</u>	<u>65.00</u>
Arkansas	68.60	70.00	73.10	81.00
Louisiana	58.40	62.00	61.20	68.00
Oklahoma	97.20	106.00	109.00	117.00
Texas	91.00	99.00	99.50	104.00
<u>West South Central</u>	<u>82.60</u>	<u>88.00</u>	<u>88.00</u>	<u>91.00</u>
Montana	141.00	146.00	146.00	155.00
Idaho	150.00	157.00	155.00	158.00
Wyoming	124.00	133.00	133.00	133.00
Colorado	115.00	128.00	118.00	129.00
New Mexico	99.60	110.00	101.00	111.00
Arizona	121.00	131.00	132.00	135.00
Utah	134.00	142.00	137.00	147.00
Nevada	124.00	130.00	124.00	137.00
<u>Mountain</u>	<u>129.00</u>	<u>136.00</u>	<u>132.00</u>	<u>137.00</u>
Washington	168.00	174.00	171.00	177.00
Oregon	157.00	167.00	161.00	168.00
California	165.00	173.00	165.00	175.00
<u>Pacific</u>	<u>165.00</u>	<u>172.00</u>	<u>166.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	<u>103.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>103.00</u>	<u>109.00</u>

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